

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Masakazu Hirose et al.  
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Title: PIEZOELECTRIC CERAMIC COMPOSITION  
Examiner: Matthew E. Hoban  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated March 10, 2009,  
applicants' respond as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.